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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AMSPEC JUDGE JOHN FERRIS

REF: A. STATE 291477; B. BUCHAREST 0069 (NOTAL);
C. BUDAPEST 4031 (NOTAL)

1. WE CONTACTED JUDGE FERRIS WHO INDICATED THAT HIS DOCKET NOW BOOKED WELL INTO SUMMER. AND WITH NO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO INTERVIEW HIM PERSONALLY AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY.

2. IN ADDITION, BUDGET CONSTRAINTS (WHICH CU/EE DIRECTOR WILL DISCUSS WITH PAO IN VIENNA) AND LACK OF INTEREST (REF C) AT OTHER POSTS LEAD US TO CONCLUSION THAT FUNDING OF THIS AMSPEC GRANT IN FY 76 VERY QUESTIONABLE.

3. JUDGE FERRIS OFFERED SEND US COPIES OF OPINIONS HE HAD RENDERED WHILE SITTING ON FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, BUT HAD NO ARTICLES NOR SPEECHES WHICH WE COULD USE TO HELP EVALUATE HIS EFFECTIVENESS AS POSSIBLE AMPSEC. NONETHELESS, WE SUGGESTED JUDGE FERRIS STOP BY DEPT WHENEVER HE

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MIGHT BE IN WASHINGTON FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW, AND ALSO

ASKED HIM TO BE SURE LET US KNOW IF HE SHOULD EVER PLAN
TO TRAVEL TO ROMANIA ON HIS OWN MEANS IN EVENT EMBASSY
COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE THERE FOR POSSIBLE
PROGRAMMING AT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER COST. KISSINGER

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